

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
AT Knoxville**

Robert Joseph Atkins

Name of plaintiff (s)

v. Sheriff Tom Spangler

Captain Turner

C/O Vazquez

C/O Williams, C/O Williams

Name of defendant (s)

Case No. 3:21-mc-13
(to be assigned by Clerk)

Crytzer/Poplin

COMPLAINT

1. A short and plain statement of the grounds for filing this case in federal court (include federal statutes and/or U.S. Constitutional provisions, if you know them):

On Feb 10, 2020 my 5th Amendment Rights
were violated by Knox County Correctional Staff
after I stated I do not want to talk to Detective

2. Plaintiff, Robert Joseph Atkins resides at

5001 Malaneyville Rd., Knoxville
street address city

Knox, TN, 37918, _____
county state zip code telephone number

(if more than one plaintiff, provide the same information for each plaintiff below)

5. A demand for judgment for the relief you seek (list what you want the Court to do):

- a. Compensation for pain and the
violation of my Amendment Rights.
- b. I want all officers who took part
in violating these rights to be dismissed
- c. of any correctional or police duty.
- d. I also was charged 2nd degree murder
for an involuntary confession I want the charge
dismissed.

I (We) hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the above complaint is true to the best of my (our) information, knowledge and belief.

Signed this January day of 05, 2021.

[Signature]

Signature of plaintiff (s)

3. Defendant, Chief Turner lives at, or its business is located at
5001 Maloneyville Rd., Knoxville,
street address city
Knox, TN, 37918.
county state zip code

(if more than one defendant, provide the same information for each defendant below)

% Vazquez, % Williams, % Williams
5001 Maloneyville Rd. Knoxville, Knox County,
TN 37918

4. Short and plain statement of your claim (state as briefly as possible the facts of your case and how each defendant is involved. You may use additional paper if necessary):

On Feb 10, 2020 I was housed at Knox County
Detention Facility I had been woke up at 3:00 A.M.
I asked officer Seckman am I going to court he
stated no your going to talk to the Detectives at
the KCS I stated no I dont want to talk to
the Detectives he then threatened to send me to the hole
which is a place for discipline so I left scared to go to the
hole while at KCS I stated to Chief Turner who
was Captain at the time I did not want to talk to
Detectives while being recorded on the body cams of
%s Vazquez, Williams, and a heavy set % Williams
that's when Williams and Williams maced and Tazed me
while Vazquez slammed me down.

I was awakened by an Officer at 3:00 A.M. on Feb 10, 2020. Knowing I don't go to court until Feb 14, 2020 so I asked where am I going and he stated to talk to Detectives that's when I stated I didn't want to talk to Detectives and he threatened me with disciplinary actions so I went to the Knox County Jail as I was at Knox County in a booth I stated to Lt. Turner along with % Vazquez, Williams who work's transportation and % Williams who is a heavyset Officer who now works at the Detention Facility each officer was promoted after the incident I told Lt. Turner I did not want to talk to Detectives which I stated this on each officers body cam's which after being maced and tazed I made an involuntary confession that was not true but I had been scared by these officers which my DA Kevin Allen stated for my attorney he was not going to charge he just wanted Detectives to get more info that's when I was maced and tazed and 6 months later charged with 2nd degree.

V. RELIEF

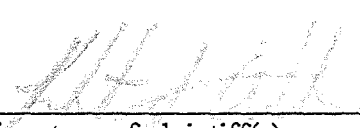
(State BRIEFLY exactly what you want this Court to do for you. Make NO legal arguments.

Cite NO cases or statutes.)

Compensation for pain and suffering. I
also would like for every officer who took
part to be dismissed of any Constitutional
or police duty.

I (We) hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the above complaint is true to the best of
my (our) information, knowledge and belief.

Signed this January day of 5, 2021.



Signature of plaintiff(s)

1-27-21

To whom this may concern I was violated of my 5th Amendment Rights DA Kevin Allen stated to my attorney he had wanted more info about a overdose victim he said he was not going to charge me with 2nd degree murder or anything but they had been looking for me for at least 7 year and a half to ask questions but on Feb 10, 2021 he sent Detectives to talk to me I was housed at the Knoxville Detention Facility I was awakened at 3:00 A.M. by an Officer when I asked am I going to court because my court date wasn't set for Feb 10, 2021 it was set for Feb 14, 2021 so then he stated no you are being sent to talk to Detectives that's when I stated I didn't want to talk to Detectives that's when he threatened me with disciplinary actions so I went that's when I stated on body camera of Officers Vazquez, Williams, Williams, and Cpt. Turner at Knox County Jail I did not want to talk to Detectives that's when I was maced and tazed for saying no and forced to talk which then I gave an involuntary confession because I was scared I would receive the same treatment then 7 months later I was indicted for 2nd degree murder because of an involuntary confession and my 5th Amended Rights were violated

KNOX COUNTY



SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Disciplinary Hearing Results

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Inmate's Full Name ATKINS, ROBERT JOSEPHIDN 453431 Booking 1149422Incident Date 02/10/2020 Location KCJ: VISITATION: BOOTH 1Hearing Date 02/13/2020 09:46Charged Inmate Present Yes

If not, why:

Inmate Represented by ROBERT JOSEPH ATKINSEvent Number KCJ021020200815

Witnesses:

Statements:

Postponed No If yes, why:

Date of Incident	Violation	Disposition	Sentence	Recomm Behav Credit To Be Taken	Days Credited
02/10/2020	II-215-RESISTING (PHYSICALLY)	GUILTY	30	8	0
Reason for Disposition: <u>BASED ON THE OFFICERS REPORT AND THE VIDEO EVIDENCE.</u>					
Sentence Subtotal	30	Days Credited	0	Final Sentence	30
				Consecutive with Pres Sentence ()	Due Out
					03/14/2020

Revoked Commissary (Excluding Personal Hygiene)

Yes Until

Revoked Visitation and Messaging (Excluding Legal Visits)

Yes Until

Revoked Telephone Privileges and Messaging (Excluding Legal Calls)

Yes Until

The following sanctions will be imposed:

Recommendation to attend anger management classes

No

Reclassification

No

Summary of Findings:

THE INMATE PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO THE CLASS II-215. THE INMATE STATES THAT HE NEVER RESISTED OFFICER CONTROL. UPON REVIEWING THE OFFICERS BODY CAMERA, THE INMATE CAN CLEARLY BE SEEN TAKING A FIGHTING STANCE BY BLADING HIS BODY AND PUSHING OFF THE WALL AND TURNING TOWARD OFFICERS. THE INMATE WILL BE FOUND GUILTY BASED ON THE OFFICERS REPORT AND THE VIDEO EVIDENCE.

Inmate

Signature

Date Signed 02/13/2020 09:51Board Members: BRYAN ALLIGOOD(1428096), ROBERT SEALS(1307003)

Reviewer's Signature: _____ Date: _____

() Approve () New Hearing () Open Pending Inmate Return Within One Calendar Year

Comments: _____

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